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Dear both,

Guess I'll really mail this tomorrow.

Just about finished COUP D'ETAT. It is now twice the length and a lot stronger. Lynch report helpful. Used the CR part and a few quotes from earlier. It took care of one of the weaknesses. Now all I have to worry about is getting it published. I'll try a few new wrinkles with this.

Your Sgt. Russell of the Subversive squad has a mug shot and a record on Jose Duarte, with, I believe, some aliases. Any chance of getting it?

The N.Y. Enquirer is interested in ~~in~~ both Broshears and the Sirhan Preacher. Spoke to Bill Dick today. He's their staffer on this subject. They have someone out there working on it.

A trade friend, publicist rather than editor, has read an incomplete COUP D'ETAT and says it is my most frightening. She wound up full of hate.

Playboy wants to read. That and 19¢, I believe, will get me a cheap hamburger. But I'll send. Wish I had a copy to offer you to read.

Anyway, I'm writing to thank. So thanks!

Spoke to Louis Ivon briefly two days ago. He says Jim is home, with bed moved into den so his violations of doctor's orders will not be as flagrant or as taxing. He is exhausted, but he works. He had asked me for a picture of me for his den. Having no portrait-type and not being able to afford it, I had a five by seven made of a snapshot showing me in my "I've been touched by the Jolly Green Giant" shirt. I blew minds in N.O. walking around in that, shorts, sandals, wrist watch, eye glasses and nothing else.

Cal.

Someone twice asked Louis if he should send me NSRP stuff and was twice told to, but if he has it hasn't arrived. I suppose I can guess who. I do not need it, but the book might as well be as thorough as possible. I've been waiting for the Wheat stuff for six weeks, so I left him out, not having enough to do a really good job. Has he surfaced yet?

Best to you all, and I do mean THANKS.

Sincerely,